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SCOTTISH SPORT THE FIRST SOCCER INTER- NATIONAL

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Edinburgh, March 5th.

The first of Scotland's three international engagements for the season was carried through at Belfast, when Ireland was beaten by 1 goal to none. As in the recent Inter-League game, at Newcastle, the conditions were unfavourable, rain and mud rendering the ground and ball slippery, and as a consequence the quality of play exhibited was not of international standard. The only goal of the game was scored by the Scottish centre forward, Wilson, twenty-five minutes after the restart, the Irish goalkeeper stopping the Scot's first shot, but being unable to prevent a second and successful effort. Ireland was unfortunate to lose, as they had at least a fair share of the play, and in Gallagher and Gillespie possessed the two finest forwards in the game. In the opening stages the Scottish defence was unbreakable, the goalkeeper, behind a couple of backs who were rash in tackling and kicking, showing uncertainty in clearing his goal on several occasions. At half-time, however, the Irish were more than fairly good, probably because he was opposed by the weakest member of the opposition, Reid. Steele (Huddersfield), playing in his first representative game, was the only Scottish half-back who gave complete satisfaction. In attack the Scots failed in combined play. The wing forwards, Morton and Archibald, were often responsible for dangerous runs. Cassidy and White were clever individually but failed to serve their partners assiduously, and were even more remiss in service of their centre forward. Wilson was one of the big disappointments of the game, partly no doubt because of the non-co-operation of his inside supports, but, on the other hand, the Middlesbrough centre did not display either the mastery tactics of individual cleverness that distinguished him in some past international encounters, and his smartly snapped goal was the one redeeming feature in an otherwise lustreless display.

LEAGUE GAMES.

The senior league resumed full operations with ten games, but these were of a routine nature and of little consequence, excepting to four clubs, Hamilton Academicals, Clyde, Albion Rovers and Alloa, who are in the relegation zone, and a fifth, Third Lanark, who required another victory to remove them from that environment. In this they succeeded by defeating Raith Rovers, and the practical removal of the anxiety regarding their League position should be of material assistance in the effort they are making to win the Scottish cup. Celtic and Rangers, included a considerable number of reserve players in their elevens, but neither visiting club was able to turn the advantage to account. Alloa made a fine stand at Celtic Park, and on the run of play were due a division of the points, their forward play being cleverer and neater than shown by the Celtic attack. All the menaced clubs, playing on opponents' grounds, succumbed, and their relative situations accordingly were unaltered.

Celtic, 1; St. Mirren, 0.
Alloa, 0; Raith Rovers, 1.
Hamilton Acads., 2; Hibernians, 1.
Partick Thistle, 3; Motherwell, 0.
Aberdeen, 1; Falkirk, 1.
Rangers, 2; Clyde, 1.
St. Mirren, 1; Partick Thistle, 0.
Ayr United, 1; Dundee, 0.
Third Lanark, 2; Raith Rovers, 1.
Falkirk, 1; Heart of Midlothian, 0.
Motherwell, 1; Albion Rovers, 0.
Hibernians, 2; Aberdeen, 0.
Celtic, 1; Alloa, 0.
Morton, 3; Hamilton Acads., 1.
Airdrieonians, 4; Kilmarnock, 1.

THE SCOTTISH RUGBY FIFTEEN.

The Scottish Rugby team to play against England at Laverleigh, Edinburgh, contains only one change from that which defeated Ireland at Dublin, and it is in the forward division, where R. S. Simpson drops out and A. K. Stevenson takes his place. Both men belong to the same club, the Glasgow Academicals. Stevenson played against France and Wales.

HERIOT'S STILL LEAD IN RUGGER.

The first place in the (unofficial) Championship of Rugger is still maintained by Heriot's, but they were severely tested at Melrose. Each side penetrated the other's defence three times, but with D. Drysdale excelling as a place-kicker, the presumptive champions triumphed by three goals to three tries. On what was little better than a quagmire the forwards had nearly all the "fun" of themselves, and were a sadly bedraggled company at the close of a gruelling contest. What back play was indulged in went in favour of Heriot's, and this and their superior stamina were the chief factors in their success. The second meeting of the season between those keen local rivals, Glasgow Academicals and Glasgow High School F.P.'s resulted in a draw of six points each. Both sides scored once in each half, the High School had the upper hand in the second. The draw in the West, of course, adds to the lead of the Heriot's. Edinburgh University turned the tables on Edinburgh Academicals on a pitch which was in places like a glue pot, but they had to go all the road to win, and plucky to the close, the visitors made a mighty effort to save the game. E. H. Liddell was the star performer, and his all-round display in the second half has probably never been excelled. His dodging through the thick of the opposition was a revelation, for he

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OPIUM IN THE BIRDS' NEST. INTERESTING ADMISSIONS AT SHANGHAI.

Interesting developments were mentioned when the case of A. and P. Palamontain, who were remanded from the previous week, came up again before Mr. Peter Grain at H.M. Police Court on the 6th inst. They were charged with embezzling \$30,433 received by them on behalf of their employer, Hip Han-ching, Mr. Tycho Wing, for the defendants, now said he was happy to inform the Court that the prosecution had agreed to what he told his Worship at the first hearing, that the charge was preferred as the result of delay in handing over certain property and in adjusting accounts. There was nothing more in the case than that. He asked the permission of the Court to withdraw the charge, which the prosecution appreciated could not be substantiated.

Mr. Kentwell, appearing for the complainant, agreed with Mr. Wing and supported his application.

Mr. E. T. Maitland, Police Prosecutor, informed the Court that when the complaint was laid by Hip Han-ching, he said that Paul Palamontain had gone to Haiphong to get \$30,000 worth of birds' nests for him. He said that Paul Palamontain later informed him that he could not get the cargo through the Customs, but that he afterwards found that it had passed through, had been sold for \$30,000, and that he could not get the money. On that information the police, at his request, issued a warrant for the arrest of both the Palamontains. Now, when the two had been arrested, he came forward and said the money had been paid, and that he had made a mistake, and also admitted the transaction did not concern birds' nests at all, but opium. He appeared to be unwilling to give evidence and, in view of the opium in the case, the Court would appreciate the difficulty of getting witnesses to come forward.

His Worship—What about the facts as regards bringing the opium to Shanghai? Mr. Maitland—If evidence can be got, a charge will be brought against complainant in the Mixed Court. He has simply used the police to further his nefarious negotiations.

His Worship—That is what I thought. As far as the Police and the Customs are concerned, at the present they bring no charge against these men respecting the opium!

Mr. Maitland—There is only the admission by the complainant. Naturally, the buyer will not admit the goods were opium.

Mr. Wing—In this case the charge is entirely a money charge and the nature of the cargo, whatever it was, would not arise.

His Worship—Are the police willing the case be withdrawn? Mr. Maitland—It is the only thing we can do.

Defendants were discharged.

NEW DEAN FILM AT WORLD THEATRE.

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A pattern of exotic charm has been woven into the fabric of the Universal Jewel production, "Under Two Flags," in which Priscilla Dean flames across the cinematic heavens bigger and brighter than ever before. The photoplay, from Ouida's immortal romance of Algeria, is the most colourful thing in which Miss Dean has yet appeared. It is now at the World Theatre.

Not since "The Virgin of Stamboul" of several years ago has the magnetic Universal star been in such a picturesque role as that of Cigarette, the heroine of "Under Two Flags." Tod Browning, producer of many noted pictures, directed Miss Dean in both of these. The spirit and colour of the former is embodied to a greater degree in the latter.

The French barracks in Algiers were accurately reproduced at Universal City for "Under Two Flags." Thousands of persons were engaged for the street scenes. The splendour of a native palace was accurately caught by the camera; a battle is waged on the desert; there are scenes which make spectators gasp at their magnitude and marvel at their artistry. Through it all runs one of the most dramatic of romances.

The picture was months in the making and the cast is one of unusual excellence. John Davidson, James Kirkwood and Stuart Holmes, who have all starred in other productions, have leading roles in "Under Two Flags."

left his opponents guessing every time, and, in scoring his second try along the touchline, he eluded man after man when going his hardest, and with only a yard or two to work upon. The game between Stewart's College F.P.'s and Gala was little better than a travesty of football, in such a deplorable condition was the ground. The luckless Royal High School F.P.'s, although behind in points, may be said to have fairly divided the honours with the Watsonians in the first half, but their play fell away considerably.

Watsonians, 21; Royal H.S. (F.P.), 8.
Edinburgh University, 18; Edinburgh Acads., 3.
Stewart's Coll. (F.P.), 3; Gala, 8.
Institution, 8; Edinburgh Wanderers, 5.
Londrie, 5; Geo. Watsonian's Coll., 0.
Melrose, 9; Heriot's (F.P.), 15.
Glasgow H.S. (F.P.), 6; Glasgow Acads., 6.
West of Scotland, 13; Glasgow Univ., 10.
Earlston, 0; Hawick, 14.
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Pannure, 20; Dunfermline, 0.
Watson's F.P., 9; Loretto, 6.

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SINGAPORE AS NAVAL BASE. COMMENTS OF DUTCH NAVAL AUTHORITIES.

Frequently we have discussed in this paper (*Soc. Handelsblad*) what would be the consequences for us if Singapore were made a naval base. Without going into details, we may discuss the most important points.

To start with, we may take it that whenever we are involved in a conflict, Britain will also participate, because it is absolutely out of the question that this Empire, with its tremendous interests in this part of the world, would remain neutral. Consequently she will be either on our side or against us. Happily the first case is more probable, but for completeness sake the second possibility should not be neglected.

Looking upon our proposed naval plan, as it has recently been explained by our authorities we see that in this plan in the first place is provided a base of support in the Rieuw Archipelago, so close to Singapore. When the 1922 Navy Bill was accepted, we learned from the attached explanation, that this base was meant for assisting our squadron which would scout in the South Chinese Sea and its defensive power would be of such a kind that it could not be easily taken by landing troops from a few warships. In other words this base has a very limited and definite purpose.

A defensive power will not be too strong, a comparatively small amount of only 15 million guilders having been reserved for its complete installation.

Firstly, it is clear that when Singapore is turned into a powerful naval base, our Rieuw support will be useless. Supposing the British Empire is on our side, we could also use the Singapore base, which is of the same strategic importance, and which gives much more accommodation and safety to our squadron than we, with this small amount, may be able to give it. Britain being our opponent, it is clear that with a powerful naval centre at a distance of about 50 miles away the money used for a Rieuw base would be thrown away.

It is easy to understand that when Britain is against us it will be impossible for us to do regular scouting in the South Chinese Sea. But when Britain is on our side, they will make with their very powerful navy a much better base for our fleet.

Summing up, without going into further speculations, we see that with an important strengthening of Singapore and with the security that a powerful British squadron will be stationed there, the Rieuw support may disappear from our pending naval plan and much money could be saved on this scheme. The latter especially is of great importance.

The fact that such a big part of our maritime means would be used for reconnoitring purposes only, is greatly regretted by many, because the other parts which are of more vital importance for the defence, viz. the aerial fleet would experience drawbacks. It would be a great relief if something could be found to improve definitely this ill state of affairs between the principal and secondary points as stated above.

Whatever may be thought of this question, it is a fact that the Singapore problem is of vital importance to our own plan of defence, and that no proper decision can be taken as long as it is not known in principle what will be done with Singapore.

Happily our British friends are used to be more active in these things than we, and therefore we may be certain that they will decide soon.—*Singapore Free Press.*

THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS AT CANTON.

MUNICIPAL ACTION EXPLAINED.

The following explanation appears in the *Canton Daily News*:—

Certain Chinese newspapers have been for the last few days printing columns in their papers protesting against the sale of certain public lands by the Municipality. They alleged that some of the properties were sold at too low a price. The fabrication of such reports in the local press has given rise to misunderstanding among the people and caused confusion of public opinion. According to the municipal authorities there were never sold so many public lands as the local newspapers have imagined. The Nambai Magistracy and the Buddhist Temple have not been sold as alleged by certain newspapers. The Municipality so far only have disposed of the Mapunking hill property at Tungshan at a good price of nearly one hundred dollars a Chinese Cheng.

The old Tartar General's garden, which the Municipality has recently disposed of, was a piece of land already pledged as security for a loan from the Tramway Company, and the transaction recently concluded only as a matter of course. These were the only two sales of public land of any importance so far transacted by the Municipality. When Mayor Sun Fo resumed office a month ago he found an empty treasury. While on the other hand the police, schools, and the whole staff of the municipal administration were demanding for immediate payment of salaries and expenses in arrears. The municipal officials could have no alternative in the way of raising money immediately. The mentioned properties were under the control of the municipality and they were originally intended for sale. Those who watch closely the rapid progress of the municipal departments will only admire the way they have adopted so quickly to bring order out of chaos. No right-minded citizens will pay any attention to such fabricated reports recently appearing in certain local papers which do not seem to be anxious to look into the actual facts of the situation, according to those who are in touch with the matter.

THE ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT MOVEMENT.

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[ASIATIC NEWS AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 3rd.
With reference to the Sino-Japanese controversy concerning the abrogation of the Twenty-one Demands especially in their relation to Port Arthur and Dairen, the members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held a special conference yesterday for the discussion of the problem. It was a general meeting of all classes, because representatives of the students association, educational as well as agricultural organizations also took part in it. The following resolutions were unanimously passed by the members:—

1.—As the question is a national one, all classes of the Chinese people should be prepared to make suitable sacrifices and they should co-operate with the Government until Port Arthur and Dairen have been restored to China.

2.—Although the boycott of Japanese trade and commerce in China is the only effective weapon in the hands of the Chinese people, nevertheless, it should not be enforced at the moment, because a certain number of days must be given for negotiations and parleys so as to see whether the complicated question can be settled without resorting to any measure which may hurt the existing friendly feelings of the two neighbouring countries.

3.—In the name of the Chinese Association of Chambers of Commerce a telegram was despatched to the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva informing the Council of the history of the Twenty-one Demands and suggesting arbitration by the Powers in regard to the rendition of Port Arthur and Dairen.

4.—In the event of a general boycott being declared against Japanese commerce in China, the campaign should be taken up voluntarily by all grades of Chinese commercial and industrial interests without any force or compulsion. All Chinese firms and shops will be required to report to the Chamber of Commerce once a day about their sales and their dealings with all foreign commercial houses. Shanghai, Hankow, Canton and other cities are requested to adopt similar tactics in dealing with the situation; but the local Chamber of Commerce is at liberty to pass any resolution to suit its own conditions.

CHANG TSO LIN FORBIDS THE BOYCOTT.

General Chang Tso Lin has issued proclamations forbidding the movement for the boycott of Japanese goods in the three Eastern Provinces. We do not blame him for the struggle for supremacy among the military leaders, because one is just as bad as the other, "says a certain Shanghai contemporary," but when national interest is concerned the people expect him to join the movement for the salvation of the nation. Dairen and Port Arthur are situated in the Three Eastern Provinces, but instead of protesting against the Japanese occupation he has now adopted the Japanese cause. However, a close study of the problem will certainly convince us that the boycott alone is not a fundamental solution, because in spite of the efforts of the promoters of the boycott movement, people have been driven by necessity to purchase the cheap and inferior goods. From the past failure, we have learned important lessons. It is therefore imperative not to talk all the time about the boycott of inferior goods, but to manufacture goods to replace them. As goods from Western countries are dear, and as there are no native goods to meet the demands of the market, the boycott will only be an ephemeral one. It is true that during the past few years more goods have been manufactured by the natives to supply the wants of the people, but the trouble is that either they are very inferior or their prices are too high. It is hoped that in future there will be less talk about the boycott of Japanese goods, and more practical work done to encourage home manufactured goods.

IMPORT DUTY ON SILVER. A BOMBAY PROTEST.

The Committee of the Bombay Bullion Merchants Association recently sent a representation to the Government of India protesting against the imposition of the import duty on silver proposed to be moved by Sir Montagu Webb in the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee contend that no country in the world has any duty on import of silver, and add that the motion if carried will create insurmountable difficulties in the way of re-export.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET. CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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NIKKO.
28th February, 1923.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LIMITED.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday. The meeting was presided over by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, whilst those also present were: The Hon. Sir O. P. Chater, Mr. A. H. Compton, the Rev. Fr. L. Robert, and Sir Robert Ho Tung (Directors) and the following shareholders: Messrs. R. J. Wilton, H. Smythe, Ho Leung, A. A. Alves, W. E. van Eps, E. J. Chapman, A. H. M. da Silva, A. R. Lowe and H. Manuk, and Mr. W. E. Roberts, Secretary.

The Chairman, in presenting the report and accounts for adoption said:—The accounts for the first half of the year are in the same form as have previously been submitted to you, but as the whole of the tramway undertaking was assigned on 1st July last to the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, the accounts for the half year ended 31st December, 1922, show only the dividends received and receivable. The accounts of the new Company which have also been sent to you show the position as at 1st July and at 31st December. Taking the figures of the working account for the whole year, traffic and miscellaneous receipts show an increase of \$172,072, working expenses an increase of \$45,369, and the working profit shows an increase of \$126,703. The number of passengers carried, exclusive of monthly ticket holders, amounted to 9,041,558 an increase over the previous year of 2,230,731, or 33 per cent. I am sure you will agree that the result of the year's working is very satisfactory.

In the accounts of the Hongkong Tramway Limited, you will observe that the Sterling Fixed Deposit shows a profit on realisation of \$70,545.74 which has been added to the Exchange Fluctuation Account. From this account has been deducted the Purchase Account Adjustment (being the excess of liabilities over assets in the Purchase Account). As it is not anticipated that there will be any appreciable differences in exchange in the future, the balance of the Exchange Fluctuation Account has been combined with the Contingent Liability Account in a General Reserve. The sum of \$81,783.50 has been transferred from Profit and Loss Account to this General Reserve Account, making the total \$300,000. You will also observe that the sum of \$22,000 has been written off goodwill in the item of tramway undertaking. Goodwill appeared in that account at \$250,000, and your Directors think it advisable to write this amount off over the remainder of the term for which the Company owns the tramway rights.

In view of the increased traffic your Directors last year decided to construct an additional six cars, and these have just been placed in service. A further six cars are now under construction, and should enable us to deal adequately with the traffic of the coming year. Experiments are now being made in order to provide a permanent roof to all tramcars, so as to give protection to the top deck passengers in wet weather. If they are satisfactory all cars will be fitted with these covers in due course.

The arrangement entered into with the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., for supplying electrical energy for the working of the tramway to which I referred at our last meeting, has now been in effect for some months, and is advantageous to the company. The plant and machinery in the generating station has not yet been disposed of.

It is necessary to make certain alterations in the tramway depot in order to provide accommodation for the additional cars, and new workshops are now being made on the site of the old boiler house. It is proposed to convert the power house into offices.

An extension of the tramway on the east side of the Happy Valley, 1,113 yards in length, has been constructed, and is showing satisfactory results.

Heavy expenditure will have to be faced in the near future on the track on the Shaukiwan Road. This road is being widened, and in places diverted, and as the traffic there is growing considerably it is desired to lay double track in places of the present single track as soon as it is possible to do so.

The subject of the tramway in Kowloon has been referred to year by year by your Chairman. I stated last year that I understood that tenders would be invited by the Government for a tramway concession in due course. I am not in a position as yet to add anything further to that statement.

I now come to a matter affecting the future of this Company. Telegraphic advice has been received from London to the effect that it is possible that in consequence of the altered status of the Company a claim may be made by the Inland Revenue Authorities for Income Tax on the whole of the dividends received from the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., and not merely on the portion of the dividends remitted to London, which has been the case hitherto. Whether such claim, if made, can be substantiated I am not in a position to say, but in view of the possibility thereof your Directors consider it advisable to wind up this Company before another dividend is paid.

General meetings of shareholders, which will be held in London, will be convened in due course. If the shareholders of the Company pass the resolutions which will then be proposed a distribution of the shares of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., will be made, so that shareholders of this Company will then become shareholders of that Company in exactly the same proportion. The procedure of winding up an English Company is a long one, and it is anticipated that the distribution of shares, if approved, cannot be made until about January, 1924, so that it is not proposed this year to pay an interim dividend. Notices of the extraordinary general meetings of shareholders will be issued in due course.

I now beg to propose "That the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1922, be and the same are hereby adopted."

The resolution was seconded by the Hon. Sir PAUL CHATER, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then proposed, "That the final Dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1922, at the rate of two shillings per share (making a total of three shillings per share for the year) recommended by the Directors be and is hereby sanctioned, and that the same be paid to the shareholders on the Colonial (Hongkong) Register at the exchange rate of two shillings and two pence three farthings per Hongkong dollar."

The Hon. Sir PAUL CHATER seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. E. J. CHAPMAN proposed, and Mr. HO LEUNG seconded, that the retiring directors Rev. Fr. L. Robert and Mr. A. H. Compton, be re-elected Directors of the Company.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. VAN EPS proposed, and Mr. A. A. ALVES seconded, that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be elected Auditors of the Company at a fee of \$1,500 to hold office until the next annual general meeting.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

MESSRS. GANDE, PRICE & CO.

A YEAR OF ABNORMAL CONDITIONS.

The sixteenth annual general meeting of Messrs. Gandé, Price & Co., Ltd., was held in the Company's offices, No. 8, Queen's Road Central, yesterday morning, Mr. C. H. Lyson presiding. There were also present: Mr. S. C. Park, Managing Director, Mr. Lau Po-wing, Director, Mr. C. Bond, Secretary, and the following shareholders: Messrs. Chow Tung-sang, Pang Kwok-sin, S. Yamuchi, Leung Yan-po, and D. Runjahn.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—Before proceeding with the business of this meeting, I should like to express the regret of your Directors at the loss they have suffered by the death of the Hon. Mr. Liu Chu-pak which occurred during the year, and to place on record their appreciation of his valuable services during his association with the Company as a Director, and to convey to his widow and family, in their sad bereavement, the sympathies of your Board of Directors and of the shareholders.

The report and accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take them as read. The net profits for the year under review are \$12,534.50, being a decrease of \$23,010.66, which is chiefly accounted for by the strike in the early part of 1922, general trade depression owing to the unsettled conditions prevailing in South China, and also to the Prohibition Act coming into force which affected our harbour sales. Under these abnormal conditions your Directors are of opinion that the balance sheet, as placed before you, is in every way a creditable one and they trust it will meet with the approval of the shareholders. The net profit of \$12,534.50, together with the balance of \$1,133.65 brought forward from credit of Profit and Loss Account for 1921, makes a total credit of \$13,668.15, which your Directors recommend to be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share on 18,105 shares, which will absorb \$15,294.50, and to carry forward the balance of \$1,382.72 to this year's account. I think, gentlemen, considering the general depression of business not only in the Colony but the world over, we are very fortunate in being able to pay a dividend of 30 cents per share. Our thanks are due to the staff for the assiduity shown during the year and we trust with their co-operation we shall have far better results to place before you at our next annual meeting. With these few remarks I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and after they have been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions the shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. LEUNG YAN-PO, in recording the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said: I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as proposed by the Chairman. I think the Shareholders will agree with me in considering the general depression in trade during the past year, the balance sheet, as placed before you, is a very creditable one.

The motion was carried unanimously. On the proposal of Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. PANG KWOK-SIN, Mr. Lau Po-wing was re-elected a Director of the Company.

On the motion of Mr. S. C. PARK, seconded by Mr. LAU PO-WING, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were elected auditors for the ensuing year at a fee of \$750.

This was all the business before the meeting.

IRRITATED & INFLAMED EYE

can be directly traced in many cases to the Sunday Motor trip and Golfing. dust from sections of the local roads, combined with a decided eye irritant. A suggestion for these trips would be to keep the windshield up and to use a pair of Sun glasses. Sun glasses of any pattern with either Crookes, Luxel, Flexural, Amber, London Smoke, or Blue lenses are obtainable at very moderate prices from The Hongkong Optical Co., successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians—the most competent manufacturing optical establishment in South China—located in 83, Queen's Road Central (opposite to the Singer Sewing Machine Company).—ADVT. [12]

SPORT.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

RUMJAHN BROTHERS ENTER FINAL ROUND OPEN CHAMPION DOUBLES.

Following up their victory of the previous day, O. and H. D. Rumjahn defeated A. Eveleigh and A. S. Lindell with comparative ease in the semi-final round of the Open Championship Doubles. They thus qualify for the final where they will have to meet, in all probability, R. E. Worthington and H. Hancock. They have won all their matches in a convincing manner but it is hardly expected that they will be victorious in the final round.

Yesterday they beat Eveleigh and Lindell by three straight sets, and from the run of the play there was no doubt as to their superiority from the commencement. They took the first set easily, 6-2, their opponents playing very erratic tennis, netting and driving out of court too frequently to be of any use against the steady work of the Indians. They appeared to be suffering from nerves, but in the second set they settled down, and at times they did quite useful work. Lindell's smashing was good. They fought hard to level matters up, and made the games five all. They lost the next two, which gave their opponents the set. In the last set Eveleigh was responsible for quite a lot of faulty play and for a time he appeared unable to do anything right. They lost the set 6-3.

DODS AND RAWORTH v. WILD AND HUMPHREY.

These couples were evenly matched and the match had to be abandoned in the final set at seven games all, owing to darkness setting in. The first two sets Dodds and Raworth took easily, 6-3, 6-1. A struggle then ensued, Wild and Humphrey improving as the match advanced. They took the third set, 3-8, and the fourth also after a prolonged struggle 9-7. In the final set Wild and Humphrey were leading four games to one but they could not get the other two games which would have given them the match. Their opponents crept up and drew level at the end of the tenth game.

Wild and Humphrey in the closing stages of the match had the best of the play and they had hard luck in not being able to claim the victory. The match will now have to be replayed.

RESULTS:—

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.

O. and H. D. Rumjahn beat A. Eveleigh and A. S. Lindell, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A."

W. N. Nicholson (11/8) beat R. Pestonji (12/0), 6-1, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES.

E. Gramble and Mrs. Gramble (115) beat G. R. Sayer and Mrs. Sayer (12/0), 6-2, 6-2.

SUMMARY COURT.

[BEFORE THE JUSTICE (MR. JUSTICE COMBERT)].

THE DINNER JACKET CASE.

DEFENDANT WINS HIS CASE.

Judgment was given yesterday in the case in which Mr. W. H. Coole, trading as J. T. Shaw, tailors, brought an action against Mr. B. Pasco, of Messrs. Brewer & Co., of 23, Queen's Road Central, for the recovery of \$159 for goods sold and delivered. The plaintiff claimed the amount as the assignee from the executors of J. T. Shaw deceased, the debt having been incurred in the late Mr. Shaw's lifetime. The plaintiff was non-suited with costs.

In giving judgment, his Lordship said: The plaintiff, who is trading as J. T. Shaw, claims as assignee from the executors of the late James Totton Shaw. The claim is for goods sold and delivered by the deceased to the defendant—it is in fact a claim for a book debt. It is admitted that the defendant has received no formal notice of the assignment, but it is suggested that the defendant, who worked next door to the plaintiff, knew all about the matter.

It is also urged that debit notes have been sent to the defendant, and it is admitted that he received in January last a letter of demand signed "W. H. Coole, proprietor of J. T. Shaw." The letter of demand has not been put in, and on the evidence before me I do not think that it is sufficient. To claim as proprietor of the business is not enough. A man may purchase the good-will without acquiring the book debts.

The debit notes again are not in, but it is not claimed that they constitute formal notice of an assignment.

Now, of course, before the Judicature Act, 1873, an ordinary debt or "chose in action" was not assignable so as to pass the right of action at law. Section 25 (1) of the Act is represented in the Colony by Section 8 of the Law Amendment Ordinance, 1901. Under both Statutes express notice in writing is essential to pass the legal right, therefore, unless you have given me statutory notice you cannot avail yourself of the benefits of the statute.

A striking illustration of the strictness with which the Act is construed by the Court is furnished by the recent case of Hockley v. Goldstein (1920) 98 T.L.R. 539. The debtor in that case could neither read nor write. The plaintiffs, therefore, did not go through the formality of handing him a written notice of the assignment, but they took the agreement of assignment and read it aloud to him twice, so that he understood its contents.

The Court said that the words of the Act were perfectly clear. The plaintiffs had not given the notice required and there must be judgment for the defendant. So here I must non-suit the plaintiff with costs.

There are, of course, other defences into which it is unnecessary to enquire now. There appear to be cross-claims between the parties who are not strangers to each other. I hope that they may settle the matter amicably out of Court.

Mr. F. E. Nash, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Noel J. Brewer, barrister-at-law, represented the defendant.

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Hongkong, March, 1923. [174]

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ENGINEERS' & SHIPBUILDERS' INSTITUTION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Engineers' and Shipbuilders' Institution was held yesterday evening.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. G. T. Harman, who was supported by the following:—

Messrs. R. M. Dyer, J. Reid, A. Leach, E. L. Frost, A. Davidson, E. Cook, J. McCubbin, W. Russell, P. Farrell, S. Baker, W. G. Douglas and W. J. Stokes.

Among those also present were: Messrs. J. E. Hansen, H. M. McTavish, Harrison, J. Ormiston, J. Tully, S. C. Bell, G. M. Shaw, J. B. Hamilton, R. Hunter, T. Oliphant, E. W. Blackmore, J. B. Spears, F. W. James, P. Oliphant, C. F. Pratt, E. Smyth, and P. S. Morrison.

The CHAIRMAN presenting the report and accounts for adoption, said:—

It is very gratifying to me, and I am sure it will be to you, to notice the splendid increase in our membership, amounting to 102, as well as the sound financial position in which we find ourselves. This position has enabled us to enter upon a further five years' lease of these premises at a considerably increased rental, and, being thus firmly established in what I submit is one of the best situations possible for the purposes of our Institute, your Committee have taken the preliminary steps towards the reconditioning of the premises, and making such improvements as have become necessary through the effluxion of time. These improvements will, necessarily, entail a large expense, which your Committee could not envisage until the question of a renewed lease had been satisfactorily concluded. It will be the duty of the incoming Committee to consider the scheme which it is proposed to carry out and I trust that in the near future the various improvements will be an accomplished fact.

This, Gentlemen, is a fitting place to refer to the work of our Committee, which has worked conscientiously and studiously to enhance the attractiveness of the Institute, and the comfort of members, and I can assure the incoming Committee that, if it will follow in the footsteps of its predecessor, it will have no soft time and no sinecure. I feel that my office of President has at all times been made an easy and pleasant one by the wholehearted desire of your Committee to pull together and pull hard, so that on retiring from office I desire to place on record my very cordial thanks to every member of it for their assistance during the year. I have the melancholy duty to refer to the loss sustained by us in the death of Major McDonald, one of our earliest Presidents, Esq., Lt.-Col. H. T. Richardson, also a past President, as well as that of Mr. J. Parkes, and three other members. We have also to record the loss of another past President in the person of Mr. T. Robertson, now enjoying a well-earned pension in Canada. I would also refer to the impending loss of Mr. J. McCubbin, also a past President who is shortly going home on well-earned retirement. The loss of our old friend "Mac," our Billiard friend, will be felt by us all, especially by your Committee, of which he has been a member for many years. I am sure I voice the feelings of all present in wishing him many years of good health and heaps of luck.

I very much regret that during the year I have not had the pleasure of presiding at any technical discussion. This has been such an old established custom, and one which has given the opportunity for such interesting and instructive discussions, that I feel that a strong endeavour should be made to keep it in the forefront of the activities of the Institute, and in the records of the report of our Library Council, I urge it as a duty on the part of our younger members to give us older ones the benefit of their modern experiences. Connected with this is the question of our Technical Library. I feel with our Hon. Librarian that the selection of books for this branch of our work is a matter for the serious thought of more than one man. It is practically impossible for any one person to cater adequately for the requirements of a membership composed of so many and varied professions. I think that the solution of the difficulty lies in charging the Library Council with the duty of advising what books should be bought, and allocating a certain amount of money quarterly for the purpose. I suggest the consideration of this matter to the next meeting. With regard to the Fiction Library, I do not propose to say very much for, after an inspection of the names in the Library Register, I am of opinion that most of you know much more about it than I do. I would say, however, that I feel that many of us hardly realise the amount of work entailed in the building up and maintenance of the Library in its present state, and I am sure that I am merely the mouthpiece of you all when I tender our heartiest thanks to Mr. Stokes.—(Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN then put his proposition, which was seconded by Mr. TULLY, and carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN remarked: In accordance with our annual custom at the consideration of our finances, I beg to commend to your sympathetic consideration the pressing claims of St. Dunstan's Home and Earl Haig's Fund on your generosity. It needs few words from me to emphasise the immense amount of suffering these Funds have alleviated amongst those who from 1914 to 1918 fought, and suffered irreparable injuries, and I have the honour to propose that our annual grant of £100 (sterling) to each of them be forthwith despatched to London.

Dr. Dyer proposed that the sum be amended to £200.

Mr. L. B. Frost seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION IN HONGKONG.

PROMINENT EX-CANTON OFFICIAL SHOT.

A sensational attempt was made to assassinate Mr. Chan Wing Sin, son of an ex-Civil Governor of Canton, as he was riding up Wyndham Street in a chair, at about half past seven on Tuesday evening. Mr. Chan had reached the junction where Glenewly and Wyndham Street meet, when three shots rang out, and he was struck three times in the back. He immediately collapsed in his chair, and the chair coolies placed him on the ground. Police arrived on the scene and he was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in an unconscious state. The attempt on his life is believed to have been made for political reasons.

Mr. Chan Wing Sin is a nephew of Mr. Chan King Yui, the comrade of Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co., and is well-known in business circles of Hongkong. As far as can be ascertained he took up politics about two years ago, and since that time his career has been a varied one, and allied to excitement. In June of last year he played a large part in ousting Sun Yat Sen's troops from Canton, and later was partly responsible for the rounding up of Sun's adherents in Heungshan. At that time he was a Lieutenant-General and he saw quite a large amount of actual fighting. He was afterwards made Director-General of the Arsenal at Canton, and took over complete command of the river defences. He was a firm adherent of Chen Chung Ming, and when that General was in power he was largely instrumental in checking the advance of General Shun Hung Ying's troops of Canton.

His present residence is in D'Aguiar Street, Victoria. His assailant is still at large.

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the election of Mr. Samuel Baker as President of the Institution for the ensuing year.

Mr. RUSSELL seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. McCUBBIN, seconded by Mr. TULLY, Mr. William Russell, and Mr. Davidson were elected Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year.

Mr. Stokes was invited to continue in office as honorary Librarian.

Mr. A. Leach was re-elected treasurer.

THE SECRETARSHIP.

With reference to the election of Hon. Secretary, the CHAIRMAN said:—“We have next to fill the office of Hon. Secretary which the previous holder has, owing to pressure of business, felt very regretfully that he must relinquish. I take this opportunity to place on record the debt we owe to Mr. Douglas for the very great interest he has evinced in the discharge of his duties, and the very great assistance he has been to us all during the year he has held the post he so well adorned.—(Applause.)”

It was proposed by Mr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Davidson that Mr. W. Brown be appointed Hon. Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously.

THE COMMITTEE.

The result of the ballot for committee was follows:—

Messrs. W. Russell, J. Tully, G. J. Harman, P. Carrol, R. Hunter, E. Cook, E. L. Frost, G. Harrison, A. Davidson, McTavish, Morrison and Neave.

Mr. BAKER proposed:

“That Rule No. 10, as now printed be rescinded and that the following words be inserted in place thereof and stand as Rule 10:—“The Offices of Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Librarian may be held by an Association Member who shall during his term of office and by right thereof be entitled to sit on and vote at General or other Committee Meetings in the same manner as if he were an Ordinary Member.”

Mr. FARRELL seconded, and the motion was carried.

It was also decided that on honorarium of \$400 per annum be voted to the secretary.

On the proposition of Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. T. S. Morrison, the sum of \$300 per annum was voted for the purchase of books for the Fiction Library.

Votes of thanks were returned to the retiring President, the retiring Committee, and the retiring office bearers.

BILLIARDS CUPS.

The cups for the Club billiards events during the year were presented to the winners by the Chairman. The winners were as follows:—

President's Prize for 1922.—J. McCubbin; 2. H. M. McTavish; break, A. Leach.

Handicap Competition.—J. McCubbin; 2. H. E. Scriven; break, S. Gray.

Handicap Competition.—J. Parkes; 2. J. Reid; break, J. McCubbin.

Thornycroft Challenge Cup.—J. W. E. Douglas; 2. J. B. Hamilton; break, J. Parkes.

Handicap Competition.—J. H. M. McTavish; 2. E. W. Blackmore; break, A. Leach.

PEAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

At the first annual meeting of the Peak Residents' Association this evening the following report will be presented:—

The following *precis* will summarise the work for the year, and in many cases the correspondence dealing with the subject matter will be found in the appendices to this report.

Although this report should rightly only cover the period up to the 31st December last, owing to the unavoidable delay in holding the first annual meeting, some of the matters referred to come under this year's working, and are included, to bring the work of the Association up to date.

THE PEAK HOSPITAL.

Owing to the generous gift of Mr. J. E. Joseph, the serious situation which faced residents of the Peak by the contemplated closing of the Peak Hospital in September last was averted, and this institution will be carried on, at least, until such time as the War Memorial Hospital will be completed.

The Government appointed a Committee of eight to run the hospital and Mr. Grayburn, as Chairman of this Association, was asked by the Government to join the Board. The other members of the Board are Dr. Johnson (Chairman), Dr. Marriott, Dr. Aubrey, Dr. Allen, Miss Johnston (Matron of the Hospital), Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and Mr. Blair (Secretary).

Considerable repairs have been carried out by the Government, a hot water system installed and the Hospital is now in good running order.

PEAK MOTOR ROAD.

Although the motor road to Victoria Gap is still uncompleted to general traffic, the work is being hurried forward as much as possible. Cars can now, on obtaining permission from the Police, proceed as far as Stewart Terrace. Steps are also being taken immediately to surface the road for heavy lorry traffic which will enable building and heavy materials to be brought up by the new road.

PATROLLING OF HILL DISTRICTS BY SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

In view of the strike last year, the Association informed the Government that they regarded the provision of adequate patrolling in the event of further trouble of great importance, and the Colonial Secretary's reply in this connection is self explanatory.—(Appendix A-part).

FLUSH WATER CLOSETS.

These have been installed in many residences on the Peak, but no further applications will be considered by the Government until the water supply of the Colony becomes normal again.

Members are reminded that the Government insist on flush closets being installed throughout the house including servants' quarters and that the excess water rate will be raised from \$0.75 to \$1 per unit.

CHILDREN'S PLAY-GROUNDS ON PEAK.

After considerable delay the Public Works Department are now proceeding with the formation of two play-grounds—one adjacent to the Peak School on Aberdeen Road, the other, Plantation Road near R.B.L. No. 2.

ROAD FROM WONG NEI CHUNG GAP TO REPULSE BAY.

At the request of Mr. Denison, the Association approached the Government regarding the completion of the partly completed road from Wanchai Gap to Repulse Bay.

The southern portion of this road is now in course of completion.

PEAK TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

The Association supported a complaint lodged by Mr. R. Sutherland with the China and Japan Telephone Company regarding the inefficient working of the Peak Telephone Exchange during the first few weeks of its inauguration.

Since that date however, the telephone service on the Peak has greatly improved and is now generally very satisfactory.

USE OF MANURE IN PEAK GARDENS.

The correspondence published on this question will be of considerable interest to Peak residents and members are requested to carefully comply with the conditions laid down by the Medical Officer of Health for the storage and use of cattle manure in their gardens.—(Appendix C).

POST OFFICE FOR THE PEAK.

It was suggested that the establishment of a branch Post Office at the Peak would develop into a useful and beneficial institution as the public got used to it, but the Government does not consider it necessary for the present anyhow to open up a Post Office at the Peak.

EDUCATION BOARD.

The Government notified the Association that they were prepared to appoint a representative of the Peak Residents' Association to be a member of the Education Board.

Mr. Airey kindly consented to fill this position which was approved of by the Government for a period of two years.

SERVANTS' WAGES.

At the request of the General Committee the Ladies' Sub-Committee drew up a list of average wages for the benefit of new-comers, it being considered unfeasible to draw up a standard wage for all to comply with:—

	Per Month.
No. 1 Boy	\$13 to \$25
No. 2 Boy	\$10 to \$15
Cook	\$17 to \$20
House Coolie	\$12 to \$15
Market Coolie	\$8 to \$10
No. 1 Amah	\$20 to \$25
Wash Amah	\$14 to \$16
Gardeners	\$11 to \$14
Chair Coolies	\$12 to \$13

PEAK HOTEL STORE.

This store has now been opened by the Dairy Farm in conjunction with Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and the Cafe Wiseman, the hours of business being from

8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on week days and from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sundays.

The opening of this store has been made possible by the kind assistance and help rendered by the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, who has granted a special permit to the Dairy Farm and Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., to run one motor lorry each day with ice and supplies to the Peak Hotel.

It is to be hoped that members of the Association will give their whole-hearted support to the Peak Hotel store, where supplies can be obtained at the same prices as from the town offices with the exception of ice, which is charged for at the rate of 15 cents a pound as against 10 cents from the Dairy Farm's town depot to cover the extra cost of transportation.

COMPLAINTS RE PUBLIC VEHICLES ON THE PEAK.

The Association laid before the Captain Superintendent of Police some complaints lodged by Mr. Murdoch regarding public vehicles on the Peak.

As will be seen from Captain Wolfe's reply, general charges are of little assistance and any complaints regarding public conveyances should be immediately reported to the Officer in Charge, Gough Hill Police Station, giving the number of the vehicle and particulars of what occurred.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

The Association addressed a letter to the General Managers of the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., as to what provisions were being made to cope with a future strike, and though Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son were willing to co-operate with the Association in obtaining the services of Peak residents who would be prepared to assist in running the Tramway in case of emergency, this matter has been shelved as the Association understand that provision is being made by the Government to meet this need in their "Essential Services" Scheme.

LADIES' CLOAKROOM FOR PEAK TRAM.

At the request of Mr. H. W. Kent, the Association approached the Peak Tramway Company with a view to obtaining a cloak room for ladies, but after careful consideration the General Managers of the Tramway Company came to the conclusion that the necessity for a cloak room has not been established and therefore they do not propose to take any further steps in this matter at the moment.

RE-NUMBERING THE PEAK.

The Association understands that the Government intend to re-number the houses on the Peak as soon as possible, and that with this end in view the Public Works Department are preparing a key plan to include new houses and contemplated sites.

When the plan is ready a representative of the Public Works Department, the Assessor's Office, the Police and the Peak Residents' Association will work together and draw up final plans.

ANNUAL DONATION TO PEAK TRAMWAY STAFF.

The work of making a collection on behalf of the staff of the Peak Tramway Co., was undertaken by the Association owing to the absence of Mr. George Hastings from the Colony.

The correspondence on this subject is self explanatory.—(Appendix J).

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

A letter was received from the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong asking if this Association would be willing to co-operate in the matter of a Public Meeting to be held to discuss the Housing Question.

The Association replied that the objects for which the Public Meeting was to be held is outside the province of the Peak Residents' Association and consequently this Association were unable to co-operate in this matter.

ROWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A copy of the Report of the General Committee of the Rowloon Residents' Association for the year ended 31st January has been received, and the suggestion that an interchange of published reports would be of mutual benefit has been fully endorsed by this Association.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The financial year closed with a credit balance of \$115.12. Out of this balance, however, will have to be paid the expenses incidental to the publication of this report and the post cards printed in connection with the opening of the Peak Hotel Store.

The year closed with a membership of 52, but as some of these members have left the Colony and others are away or leaving on home leave, it is hoped that new members will be found to take their place.

The wives of members who have not as yet joined the Association are particularly requested to do so this year.

CRUISE OF FRENCH WARSHIPS.

THEIR VISIT TO HONGKONG FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

The two French cruisers, *Victor Hugo* and *Jules Michelet* under the command of Rear-Admiral Gilly—now sailing round the world for the purposes of commercial propaganda—are due to arrive in Hongkong on April 15th. They will stay in this port for a period of three days.

The object of the cruise is to acquaint manufacturers and merchants in the places visited with the resources of France in raw materials such as ores, phosphates, potash, etc., and her production of manufactured goods. At the same time the requirements of France in wool, cotton, petroleum, etc., will be indicated and information given regarding French ports, their capacity and organisation and as to the industrial districts which they serve.

Arrangements have been made for the vessels to be opened to visits between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon when private visitors will be granted with the Commercial Attachés in charge. In the afternoon, between two and five o'clock a large display of photographic exhibits may be seen.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE IRISH SITUATION.

DR. VALERA NARROWLY ESCAPES CAPTURE.

LONDON, April 10th.

It appears that a meeting of Irish Rebel Leaders, including Markievicz and De Valera was being held in a lonely farmhouse when the National troops suddenly appeared. Lynch, along with a few followers, carried out a rear-guard fight, in order to cover the retreat of De Valera.

Lynch was shot in the stomach during a running fight across the fields, after which De Valera narrowly escaped capture.

EARLIER CABLES.

IRREGULAR LEADER DIES IN CAPTIVITY.

LONDON, April 10th.

It is announced in Dublin that the irregular leader, Liam Lynch, has been wounded and captured in a fight with Free State troops in South Clonmel.

DUBLIN, April 10th.

It is officially reported that Liam Lynch died at Clonmel at 8.45 yesterday evening.

EARLY AND IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

The Lord Chief Justice, opening the Belfast commission, said there was not a single case of murder since the last commission in February, compared with ninety-seven cases during the same period last year; also it was remarkable that the word "riot" was absent from the calendar.

The Lord Chief Justice, in opening the Dublin Commission, said that apart from malicious injuries there was an improvement in the state of Dublin and the country generally. Citizens were now co-operating with the police, and a continuation of this co-operation would bring them nearer peace, God and prosperity.

LONDON, April 10th.

An early and important development of the Irish situation is anticipated as the outcome of informal conversations between the members of the Irish hierarchy, exploring peace proposals. The conversations have culminated in a long meeting of Bishops in Dublin to-day, presided over by Cardinal Logue, and attended by the Vatican representative, Monsignor Luzzo. It is reliably learned that a marked degree of optimism characterised the resolution adopted. Fresh proposals largely based on the Government's declarations of policy towards the irregulars, have been tentatively drawn up, and have been considered by De Valera, and Austin Stack. The peace atmosphere in Dublin is described as more hopeful than at any time since the irregular opposition began; and the arrest of Liam Lynch strengthens the belief that organised opposition is on the eve of collapse.

It is understood that the meeting of Bishops in Dublin yesterday evening drew up a petition to Monsignor Luzzo, as a result of which it has been arranged that the Papal envoy will interview Mr. Cosgrave to-day. The petition may well be regarded as a desire by the Irish people, through their ecclesiastical leaders, for an early peace.

HOME GOVERNMENT DEFEAT. ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATION BY LABOUR MEMBERS.

LONDON, April 10th.

The Government has been defeated by 145 to 138 votes on the Civil Service Estimates, as regards the question of treatment of ex-Servicemen.

The Government defeat occurred on a technical motion that the Speaker leave the chair, which enables a preliminary discussion on topics embraced in the Estimates before the latter are investigated in Committee. In the course thereof there was a discussion on the position of ex-Servicemen in the Civil Service.

The Government was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers by the Labourites, who enthusiastically threw the Order papers in the air, waved their handkerchiefs and cried "Raiden!" and "Send for the Premier!" The House then adjourned.

The defeat creates a most awkward technical difficulty, which the Ministry, however, expects to surmount. The setback is attributed to the Government Whip's blunder.

PREMIER STILL UNWELL.

LONDON, April 10th.

Mr. Bonar Law, by doctor's orders, is not participating in the debates for the present, in order to rest his throat.

LATEST CABLES.

TURKISH DOUBLE DEALING. CAUSES PERTURBATION IN ALLIED CIRCLES.

LONDON, April 10th.

There is considerable perturbation in Allied—particularly French—circles regarding the Ankara Assembly's adoption, by 185 votes to 21, of concessions associated with the name of the American, Admiral Chester extending to many kinds of undertakings in and around Armenia, and covering also Adana. These imply the suppression of railway concessions, made to France on the eve of the War against a loan of a milliard francs, of which nearly half is actually paid. It is suggested in some quarters that the Turks are insincere in aiming at a resumption of freedom of action towards French and British financial groups.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LONDON, April 10th.

In Tuesday's Scottish League game St. Mirren defeated Celtic by one goal to nil.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE RUHR.

HUGO STINNES AND WIFE RELEASED.

PARIS, April 10th.

A message from Berlin states that Herr Hugo Stinnes and his wife have been released.

BERLIN, April 10th.

It transpires that railway guards entered a sleeping car occupied by Herr Hugo Stinnes and his wife, whom they locked up in a luggage van. They later released them both.

The French at Scherndorf also temporarily arrested and detained Herr Hamm, Under Secretary, who was proceeding to Essen to attend the funeral of Krupp workers on behalf of the Government; the ex-Minister of Posts (Herr Giesberts) and the ex-Prussian Premier (Herr Stengerwald). All have since been released. The first named was conducted to the boundary of the occupied territory.

FURTHER ATTACK ON FRENCH TROOPS.

PARIS, April 10th.

A message from Dueseldorf says a patrol was fired upon at Fellenendorf and the leader, slightly wounded. The assailants were not arrested, but it is stated that punitive measures are being taken. The town of Essen has been sentenced to pay a fine of a hundred million marks, within ten days, as punishment for the murder of a French soldier in the cellar of a railway station.

GERMAN PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO CONTINUE.

BERLIN, April 10th.

The Reichstag was packed to hear Dr. Cuno's funeral oration on the victims of the shooting incident at Krupp. Flags were half-masted, and the hall was draped in black. All the Cabinet Ministers, officials and representatives of the trade unions were present. Eulogising the "martyrs," the Chancellor said their deaths had united all parties in Germany more than ever. He referred to the long file of those martyred, tortured, insulted, deported, or suffering disgraceful imprisonment, and said that not a hair of a French soldier was hurt but fifty German workmen fell in their own blood. Machine-guns could never break an entire people. He asked the nations of the world how long they would wait before a halt was called for this mad misuse of power. He referred to the failure to accept their offer of negotiations, and said no arrangement could be accepted which infringed territorially the Ruhr. So long as their opponents were not ready for such an arrangement, the passive resistance of the entire people must be continued.

HOW BRITISH TRADE IS AFFECTED.

LONDON, April 10th.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Sir Lloyd George said the exportations from occupied Germany during the past months had been very small. The French and Belgians had made considerable concessions in order to facilitate exports, but the Germans were refusing to permit their nationals to take advantage of this. The British Government had brought the position to the notice of the German Government. The Rt. Hon. S. Baldwin said the question of the disposal of money collected by the French customs in the Ruhr on British goods had not yet been settled. The Government was carefully considering the matter.

EMPIRE TRADE AMERICA AND BRITISH DOMINIONS.

LONDON, April 10th.

The House of Commons debated a motion urging the Government to enforce a policy of Imperial trade development without waiting for the Imperial Conference in October. Viscount Ednam laid stress on the necessity for prompt action on account of foreign enterprise, notably American, which already was determinedly and successfully capturing Canadian trade. American capital was finding an outlet in Australia and South Africa. Sir Lloyd George replied sympathetically, and pointed out that the deficit in exports still amounted to twenty per cent. necessitating the quest of new courses. He said we were going to develop Canada, and new offices would shortly be opened in Vancouver; while India would also be developed. The Minister said he was not afraid of American development, which, he was of opinion, would be hampered by high tariff, also the necessity of repaying debt repayments. He stated that the Colonial Office had prepared schemes for developing the Crown Colonies, and the Imperial Conference would consider questions raised, including the extension of Imperial preference.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE PROPOSED AMERICAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, April 10th.

While no plenary meeting of the Pan-American Conference was held yesterday, nearly all the commissions presented reports, which will be formally discussed at the plenary session on April 17th. The most important reports deal with the reorganisation of the Pan-American Union, and the question of a permanent American court of international justice, whose creation was proposed by the Costa Rican delegate. The president of the conference the Chilean, Augustin Edwards, expressed optimism as regards the idea of a league of American nations, considering it would be greatly facilitated by the predominance of the two languages in America.

CANADA'S POSITION REGARDING PROPOSED LEAGUE.

TORONTO, April 10th.

Lord Robert Cecil discussing the fisheries treaty between the United States and Canada, agreed that Canada and the other Dominions should be consulted as regards treaties between the King and other Powers. Lord Robert Cecil expressed the opinion that there was nothing serious in the suggestion that the Pan-American Union, which Canada had been invited to join, would develop into a League of American nations with a corresponding league for the Eastern hemisphere.

U.S. AND THE SOVIET.

A SNUB FOR THE BOLSHIEVICS.

WASHINGTON, April 10th.

The State Department has cancelled the visa to permit the wife of the Soviet Commissar, M. Kalinin, to visit the United States, on the ground of its entire unacceptability in consequence of the deep feeling created by the execution of Monsignor Budkiewicz. The action was taken in response to protests and a manifestation of American displeasure.

AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVE ABROAD.

MELBOURNE, April 10th.

Mr. Bruce announces that he does not intend to appoint a Minister at Washington, preferring that diplomatic representations be made through Britain, but he will shortly be appointing a Trade Commissioner to New York.

MEMEL AGITATORS DEPORTED.

KOVO, April 10th.

The leaders of the German Lithuanian Home League, including the president and secretary, and the editor of the "Memel Rundschau," have been deported to Germany. The local members of the league have been arrested.

HIGH PRICE OF SUGAR.

WASHINGTON, April 10th.

The Tariff Commission is investigating the high price of sugar and has assured President Harding that the new Tariff Bill is not responsible therefor.

OBITUARY.

MR. STUYVESANT FISH.

NEW YORK, April 6th.

The death is announced of Mr. Stuyvesant Fish. [The deceased was a prominent banker and railway official. His father was Secretary of State in President Grant's Cabinet.]

HERR CROMMELIN.

LONDON, April 10th.

The death has occurred of Herr Crommelin, the Liberian Minister to London, who was a Dutchman.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING POLITICS.

WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION CARRIED IN SENATE.

PEKING, April 11th.

The Senate to-day voted on a want of confidence motion in the Cabinet. The motion was carried by 94 to 21. Twenty-eight of the Senators present abstained from voting.

Government supporters absent themselves from the House of Representatives this afternoon, hence there was no quorum. This prevented a vote being taken on the want of confidence motion.

WU PEI FU URGES ABROGATION OF 1915 TREATY.

PEKING, April 11th.

General Wu Pei Fu has wired to the Government, urging the abrogation of the 1915 Treaty.

IMPROVED FAR EASTERN MAIL SERVICE.

LONDON, April 10th.

The Post Office has informed the chairman of the Far Eastern section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce that no effort is being spared to accelerate the Peninsular and Oriental mail service to the Far East.

TENANTS AND TAPS.

A WATER DISPUTE.

Water just now is not plentiful in Hongkong, and for the purpose of conserving the supplies, as far as possible the authorities have restricted the supply to certain hours of the day. In a certain house in Peel Street the pressure of water from the mains is so very weak that when one tap is turned on, water refuses to flow from the others. The result was that the tenants were formerly caused a good deal of annoyance when two or more wished to turn on their taps at the same time. Finally it was decided that each tenant on each floor should be allowed half an hour per day in the afternoon, during which period the other tenants were in honour bound to leave their own taps alone. One day, however, the man on the first floor, whose turn it was to have the water first, delayed his time, and carried on beyond the hour appointed. The next tenant on the second floor did not object, but he carried on beyond his own appointed time, to make up a little. At this the tenant on the third floor became wrath, and shouted down the stairs in some anger, for he was in a hurry and could not get his water at the time agreed upon. His anger increased, and he hurled abusive epithets at the tenant on the floor beneath. Those had little effect and were returned with interest, some one above descended to slinging insults of the most unpleasant description relating to the wife of the man below. The result was a furious argument, and a quarrel, the sequel to which was heard when the second floor tenant summoned the third floor tenant to the Magistracy yesterday morning for using obscene language towards his wife. The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) listened to all the evidence in patience, and finally dismissed the case, owing to the fact that plaintiff was not sure of the identity of the man who used the obscene language.

INDIA AND THE TRADE OUTLOOK.

BOMBAY, March 14th.

Mr. F. Nelson, Chairman of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in India, delivered an important speech to-day as the Chairman of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce in which he reviewed the trade outlook. In his view there is no cause for pessimism, although he is not wholly optimistically regarding the future which, he said, was wrapped up in obscurity owing to the reaction of political events in France and Germany.

As regards exchange, he considers that until the way is clearer and safer the course to pursue is to continue to carry the onerous burden of a two-shilling rupee until it is possible to visualise with some degree of accuracy the probable course of gold and silver and exchange generally.

India was in some doubt at present whether exports would exceed imports and supplies of gold were somewhat negligible, while the American dollar rate was subject to occasional violent fluctuations. Only when American exchange was back at normal and when a settlement had been reached regarding the reparations problem, and when the market exchange had ceased to vary by thousands of points, would the Indian producer be reasonably certain of being able to sell produce to Europe steadily and not in fitful bursts, and only then would it be time to demand the re-examination of the exchange and currency system.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. NO LEGAL RIGHT TO VISIT SCHOOLS.

PECULIAR POSITION.

The Hongkong Board of Education met for the first time for some months yesterday, at the office of the Director of Education in the Post Office Buildings. The principal subject of discussion concerned the right of the Board to visit schools in the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. E. Irving (Director of Education), was in the chair, supported by Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (Acting Inspector of Vernacular Schools), the Rev. T. W. Pearce, D.D., the Rev. Fr. H. Valtorta, Mr. N. T. Mackintosh, Dr. W. M. Kiu, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and the Secretary (Mr. P. Law).

The CHAIRMAN introduced two new members of the Board to the meeting, the Rev. Fr. Valtorta, who is acting in the place of the Rev. Father Maria, and Mr. Dowbiggin, representing the Peak Residents' Association.

Mr. B. WYLIE moved the following resolution:—
"That with a view to increasing the utility of the Board of Education, the Government be asked to authorise members of the Board to visit, in their official capacity, education establishments of the Colony, and, if the necessity arises, to report thereon."

Mr. WYLIE said he put the resolution because he considered the Board was not quite such a useful body as it ought to be. He believed he was correct in saying that the Board was constituted in 1921 for the purpose of assisting the Director of Education in matters appertaining to the development and improvement of education in the Colony. Addressing the Chairman, Mr. WYLIE reminded him that in his report for 1921 it was stated that the authorities at one school questioned the Board's legal right to inspect schools. It had been also stated by Mr. Ralphs some time ago that, as a Board, they had no legal right to visit these schools. Yet they did pay these visits—there was a perfect orgy of them in December—and, further more, they reported upon their visits, whereas in actual fact they had no legal right to do either.

"He thought members of the Board should have that right. Very often the committee would recommend that certain things be done, and at the end of twelve months these things would still be left undone. In two of the Government schools they visited last November they found that there had been no cooking taught during the summer months. As one of the members of the committee had remarked to him since, 'it might be that one day these girls will marry men who as well as in winter.' (Laughter). In another school boxing had been done away with, though why he could not say. Very often, too, they came across things which had not been done by the P.W.D., things which had been needed for as long as twelve months. Were the schools visited monthly they would have been done much sooner. In this connection also he felt that when plans were to be passed for any particular schools members of the Board should be allowed to examine them first. It had happened not infrequently in the past that architects had been thankful for suggestions from laymen. He did not wish to give the impression that in moving this resolution he wanted to inspect the schools. They had already got inspectors of schools. He realised, too, that if they had a large party of grown men stamping into a classroom, all trying to look very wise, while a class was in progress, it was going to be bad for the discipline of a school. While he did not suggest that no notice had been taken of their report in the past, he did think they would receive greater consideration if they came from a body of men who had the legal right to make reports.

Mr. TESSDALE MACKINTOSH seconded the resolution.
Mr. RALPHS spoke in support of the resolution, and suggested as a working arrangement that no more than two members at a time should visit the schools, as the work of the schools would be disturbed by the presence of a large Board. With reference to the speaker's remarks relating to cockery in the summer months, it was a customary thing to dispense with the lessons then.

Dr. PEARCE also spoke in support of the resolution as he said such visitations would be of great advantage to both the schools and the Board. Board members would be able to get in touch with the masters and staffs of the various schools, and work in sympathy with them. If they could only get a little knowledge of the inner workings of the schools, and get to know the masters and mistresses personally, they would be able to render very valuable assistance.

Dr. MAN WAN KAI asked Mr. WYLIE whether the members of the Board would visit the schools in company with an inspector.

Mr. WYLIE said that this would certainly be the case.

The CHAIRMAN expressed his complete agreement with Mr. WYLIE's resolution, but suggested the substitution of the word "Board" for "members of the Board." He pointed out that otherwise it would mean that the members of the Board could visit the schools individually, and whenever they pleased.

Mr. DOWBIGGIN supported the amendment, which Mr. WYLIE accepted and it was agreed to.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

(TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR.—We have it on the very best authority—the G.O.C.—that an efficient H.K.V.D.C. is wanted. In fact, anyone with the merest trace of imagination can picture conditions arising here on our own doorstep when a reasonably well organised and disciplined body of men would be of inestimable value.

Then how is it that our Volunteer Corps is so badly supported?

There must be many hundreds of men in the Colony who would be of very great worth to the community in the event of an emergency if they were already in the Corps. I know that 99 per cent. of them would offer their services immediately if such an emergency arose, but they overlook the difficulty of equipping and organising a considerable body of men at a moment's notice.

The Volunteer Corps is a form of insurance, the cost of which is defrayed by the Government and therefore by the community in general, but it doesn't end there. The community in general also has to find the material of which the Corps is formed, and so far, this material has been woefully backward in coming forward. The large number of men in the Colony who are not in the Volunteers is more astonishing than the few who are—and it ought to be the other way about. There can be no possible doubt that it is the responsibility and duty of practically every eligible civilian in the Colony to be a member of the Volunteers, possibly in the Reserve Company but I do not except even the essential utility service men who would not, of course, be mobilised for general service unless the need were very great.

I would like to put it to our large Hong Kong Government services—not merely to our *tailors*, but also to the senior and junior members—Are they pulling their weight in the team? Are they shouldering their share of the responsibility and work? Or are they leaving it to the other fellows while they tennis and tea-dance and golf and gymkhanas? On the whole, we are a fair-minded race. We pride ourselves on "playing the game" and our sportsmanship, and it only wants bringing home to us that perhaps we *tailors* have not taken much interest in the Volunteers or given our staffs encouragement and facilities for joining them—and we seniors have left it to the juniors—and we juniors have, perhaps, been a bit slack and casual—and we ex-Servicemen, well, perhaps we have been a little bit supercilious and a little too "war weary."

Well, let's turn over a new leaf and see if we can't, each one of us—*tailors*, head of dept., seniors and juniors—do our fair share towards making our H.K.V.D.C. something of value and a force to be counted on in case of need.—I am, Sir, Yours, etc.,

"REMOS."

April 11th, 1923.

BOARD MEETINGS.

Mr. WYLIE then proposed: "That full meetings of this Board be held on a fixed date once a month, and that all such meetings be open to the Press."

Mr. WYLIE reminded the Board of what happened at the last meeting. They discussed in private the report which had been forwarded by a sub-committee dealing with better education for British children in Hongkong. At that meeting several resolutions were passed. The public knew that such a sub-committee existed, and the public in many ways showed an interest in the matter. They desired to read the report, but they were unable to do so because the meeting was held in private. Had that meeting been held in public there would have been very little necessity for the large public meeting to be held on the same subject in the City Hall afterwards.

Mr. TESSDALE MACKINTOSH seconded the resolution, and stated that he found it very inconvenient not to know from month to month what meetings of the Board were going to be held. If they would fix a regular date each month, members of the Board would be able to make their arrangements accordingly. When he first became a member of the Board he was presented with a pamphlet entitled "Standing Orders of the Education Board." In those standing orders it was stated that the meetings of the Board were to be held once a month at a date to be fixed by the members. Evidently these orders had nothing to do with the present Board of Education.

The CHAIRMAN said that the only reason the meetings had not been held in accordance with that clause in the standing orders was that the Board itself had failed to fix a day. Failing in that, the members of the Board had simply called meetings whenever they appeared to be any business to be transacted.

Mr. WYLIE's motion was carried, and it was decided to hold the meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m. Mr. MACKINTOSH asked whether the copies of the syllabuses for English schools lying on the table were in use during the whole of last year.

Mr. RALPHS replied that they were. Mr. MACKINTOSH further asked if the syllabuses were placed in a prominent position in schools so that they were easily visible to the staff, the parents, and the school children.

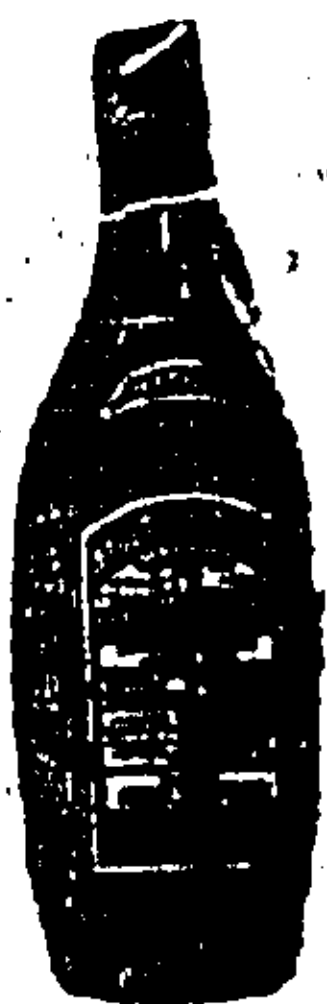
Mr. RALPHS: Copies were hanging on the wall the last time Mr. Mackintosh visited the schools.

Mr. MACKINTOSH: With very great respect, that does not mean to me an answer to my question.

The CHAIRMAN: It appears to me to be a very complete answer. The syllabuses were hanging on the wall in the schools. If you mean that parents who wish to see the syllabuses have to call at the school to see them, the answer is in the affirmative.

The meeting then went into committee.

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WOMEN AND DIVORCE

AN EQUAL RIGHTS BILL.

By 231 votes to twenty-seven the House of Commons on March 2nd, passed the second reading of the Matrimonial Causes (England and Wales) Bill, which proposes to give a woman the right of divorce on the ground of her husband's adultery. Major Entwistle, who introduced the measure, commended it as one of simple justice and equity, and said that it was universally demanded by the women of the country. The day had gone by, he argued, when a wife could be regarded as a chattel of her husband. In his view the punishment inflicted by judicial separation was greater than that involved in divorce. If there were two standards of morality the tendency was to accept the lower standard.

Mr. Denis Herbert, who moved the rejection of the Bill, said he did so on the ground that it was not desirable that the marriage contract should be terminable and dissoluble by the consent of the parties. The present laws were a fraud and a sham, but if the Bill were passed it would put an almost insuperable obstacle in the way of reforming them. They must get rid altogether of the right to dissolve a marriage by reason of a single act of adultery. His suggestion was that it should be a cause of divorce when, in the case of either party, it was repeated or became habitual. "Equality between the sexes," he said, was one of those catch phrases which were often ignorantly used. Was there any member of the House who was the father of a son and a daughter who would regard adultery by a daughter in the same light as he would adultery by a son? "Why not?" asked the Labour members. "Des the hon. member teach his children that?" inquired Mr. Pringle. Mr. Herbert replied that he was not advocating any low standard of morality.

Sir Henry Craik, who opposed the Bill, said the doctrine of equality of the sexes was not true to human nature. In his view, marriage was a tie which ought to be permanent through life. Sir John Simon twitted Sir Henry Craik on his opposition, seeing that the measure they proposed had been the law of Scotland for three centuries and a half. If they did not pass the Bill they would give rise to the impression that they were setting up a lower standard for men than for women.

Mr. Hammerde condemned the "humbug" of the order for the restitution of conjugal rights. A Judge, he said, made an order that the husband should return in fourteen days, although he knew that the wife did not want him to return. If he was a gentleman he did not return. The unfortunate woman who sought a divorce was thus entirely at the mercy of her husband. The Courts of law, he alleged, were honeycombed with collusion. If one was wealthy enough to employ a lawyer to get round it, then the way was clear and one could get a divorce. If one was poor and made a mistake, one would find oneself in the position of being prosecuted for conspiracy.

Mr. Bridgeman said that the Government would not oppose the Bill, but he viewed with alarm any prospect of the introduction into it at later stages of the "abominable proposals" of Lord Buckmaster's Bill.

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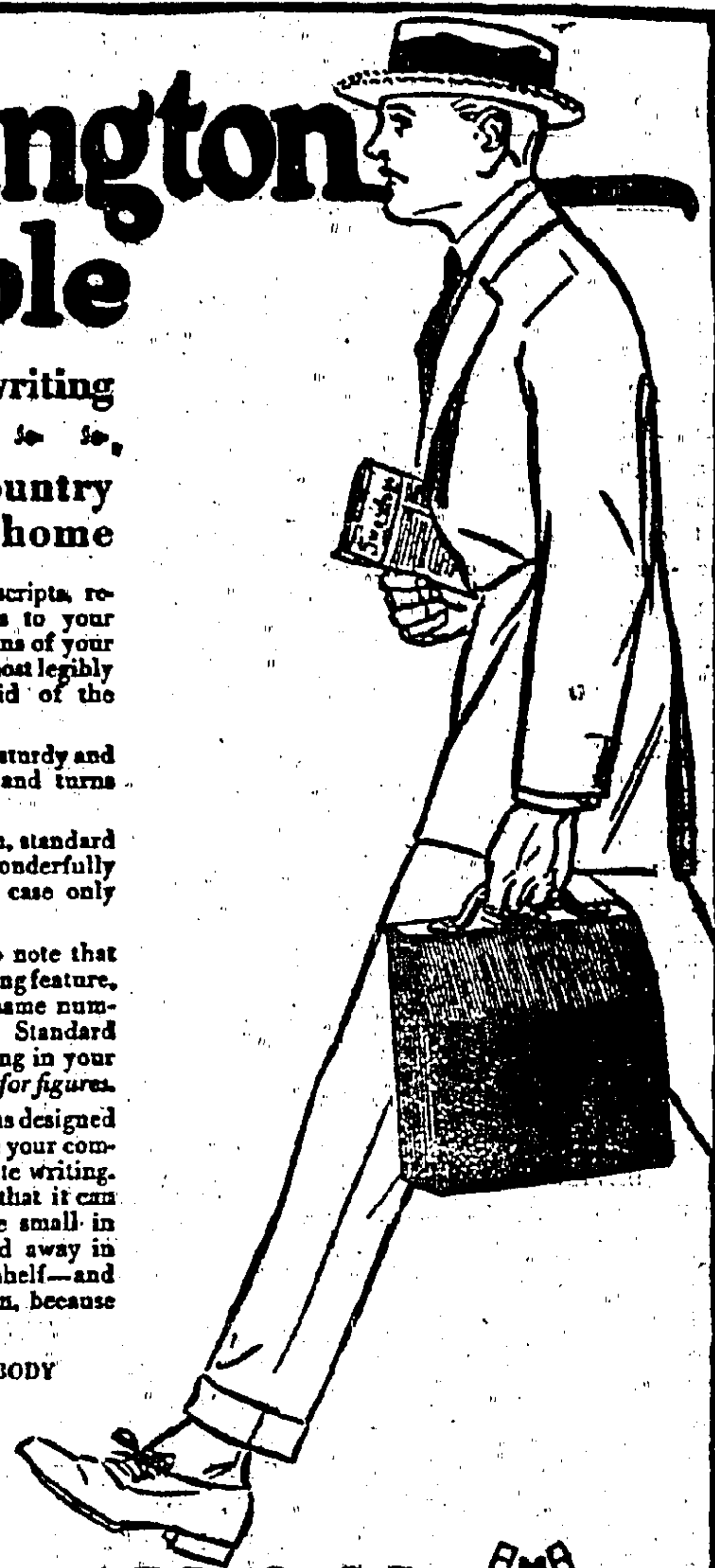
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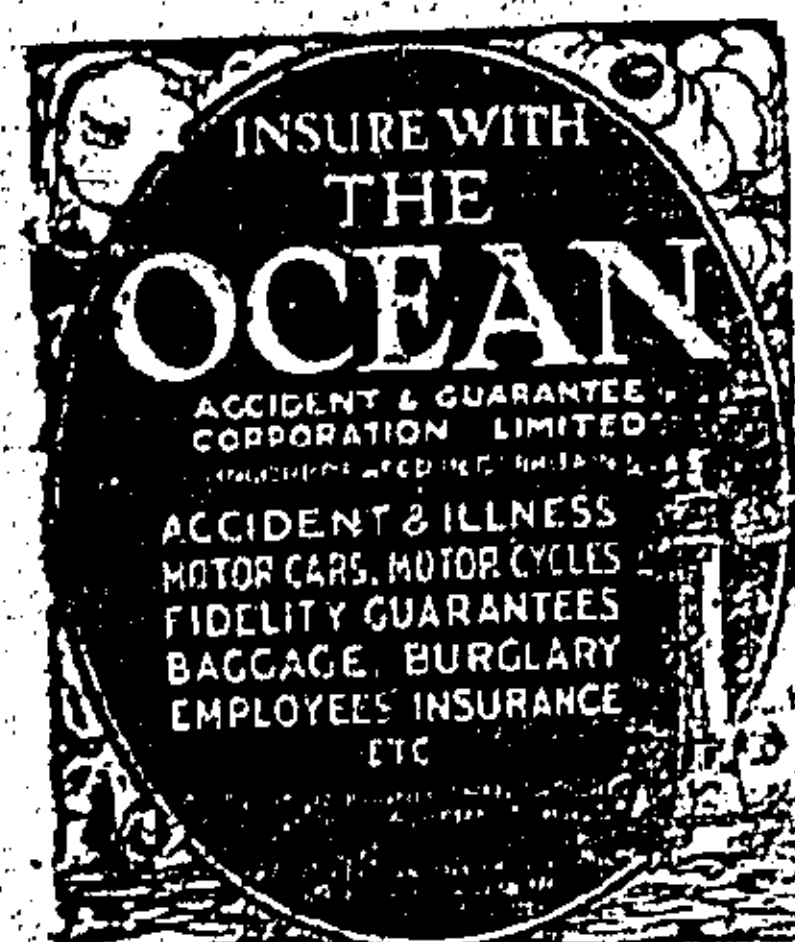
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LAST HOURS OF CONGRESS TWO YEARS' RECORD.

[FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, March 2nd. The Sixty-seventh Congress will finish its business to-morrow night and will pass out of existence uneventful and little honoured. From the hour at which it rises for the last time until December—unless the President should see fit to call its successor into special session—the country will have a special session—the country will have a special session—the country will have a special session.

In almost continuous session since April, 1921, the dying Congress has passed a taxation measure which is steadily growing in disfavour, a tariff which even before its enactment was universally condemned, and has only been prevented by a stubborn minority in the Senate from inflicting upon the country a Ship Subsidy Bill which it does not want. Beyond this, which it does not want, the achievement of the Congress is limited to measures in aid of the farmer as a class, into approval of which it was dragged by the agricultural bloc.

So far as foreign affairs are concerned, this Congress has to its credit the ratification of the Treaty which issued from the Washington Conference and of the British Debt Settlement. It would have none of the Treaty of Versailles, preferring a separate peace with Germany, but even with this instrument it was not content until a reservation had been added retaining Congressional control over Presidential nominations to Commissions acting in Europe. On two occasions it has acted independently in matters of foreign concern—in January, 1921, when it passed the Dench disarming resolution which had something to do with summoning the Washington Conference, and more recently in its expression of the opinion that the American forces on the Rhine should be withdrawn, without which that step might possibly not have been taken as abruptly as it was.

What has been most notable in the past two years is the fact that the country in general has moved steadily towards the realization that America has a place in the world, and a responsibility towards the world, whereas a Congress elected at a time when the real issues were swallowed up in a wave of emotion has continued to regard the United States as a watertight compartment. Critics of the Administration say that it could have been violently shaken out of this attitude if it had not been for the President's antipathy to any course of action which might seem like Executive dictation. In any case, the result has been as might have been foretold, that Congress, where it has been offered an inch, has taken an ell. Its tendency has been and will increasingly be, to limit the freedom of Presidential action in the conduct of international relations, and it is this more than any other which makes prediction in the matter of American foreign policy worse than fruitless. The new Congress, with its equal balance of parties and its strong infusion of Western Progressivism, is a thousand times more representative of the country than the one now dying out, but once again conditions may change before it is allowed to sit. The next eight months cannot fail to see developments of capital importance in Europe, and it is on the broad issue of American relations to Europe that the Presidential campaign of 1924 must be fought.

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[FROM "THE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S"
CORRESPONDENT.]

New York, March 5th.

After an investigation into the high cost of petrol and other oil products in this country a special Senate Committee, headed by Senator La Follette, makes the startling charge that the industry of the United States is under the complete control of the Standard Oil companies, which exercise a tighter hold upon the supplies and prices of petrol, crude oil, and paraffin than when the United States Supreme Court in 1911 adjudged the so-called Standard Oil Trust to be an illegal monopoly and ordered its dissolution into separate companies. The Standard Oil's activities during the last nine months have made an exhaustive study of the entire oil situation, examined the chiefs of all the leading oil companies, and taken the testimony of fifty witnesses. As a result it recommends drastic legislative regulation of the industry, compulsory monthly reports to the Government, changes in transportation rates, restriction of exports and importation of certain grades of oil, and imposition of a tax on those who have violated the Anti-Trust Law.

The report warns the Government that if a few great oil companies are permitted to manipulate profits during the next few years as they have done Americans must be prepared to pay at least 4s. a gallon for petrol, or four times as much as they are now paying. The only competition existing between the Standard Oil companies and the so-called "independent" is charged, has been the result of the discoveries of new fields in Mexico and the United States, and when the time comes, as it must soon, when there are no new fields to exploit, competition must disappear. The Standard Oil group divides the territory of the United States among its members. It is declared, and with slight exceptions, avoids all competition with other members, while the two leading companies, the Standard of New York and of New Jersey, divide the world between themselves.

In marketing operations each carefully abstains from entering the territory of the other, and both refrain from competing with the Anglo-American Oil Company, one of the original Standard group, in the retail trade in the British Isles. The methods by which the Standard companies now control the industry are more subtle than in the old trust days, but the results are the same, says the committee's report. As for the profits, the report, after enumerating the capital stock, increases of dividends and salaries—the latter as high as £250,000 or £250,000 a year—declares that it is "useless to point them out, although they are exorbitant." Cash dividends of 40, 50, or 90 per cent. are not uncommon, it is declared, and often dividends are paid upon stock already inflated by stock dividends. These intolerable conditions cannot be corrected while the Standard Oil dominates the business as it does to-day, the committee says.

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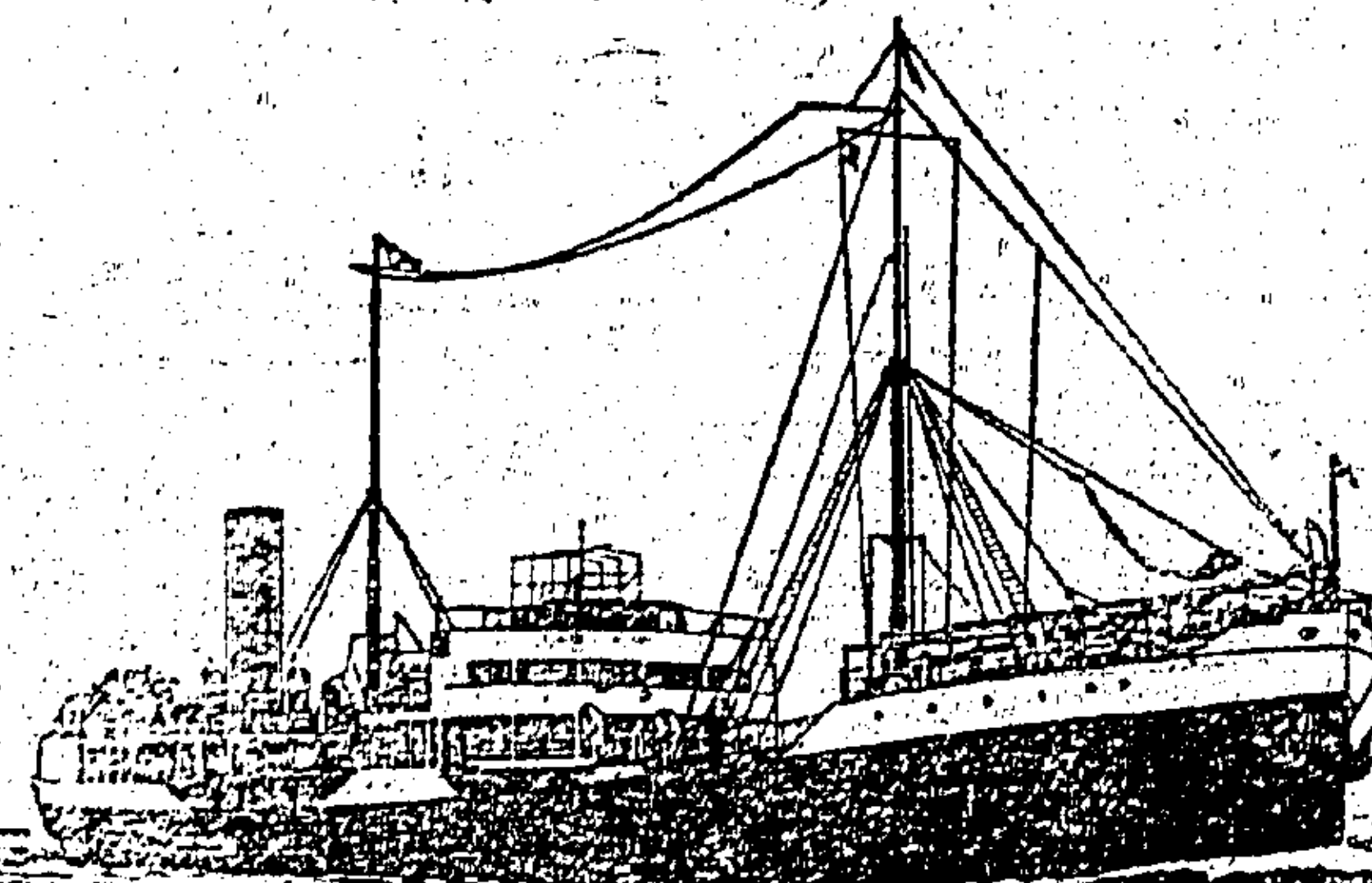
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ARRIVALS.

April 10th.
Bushu Maru, Japanese str., 1,565 tons, Capt. U. Okubo, from Saigon, with rice.—O.S.K.
Chipping, British str., 1,109 tons, Capt. Chandler, from Tientsin, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Haiphong, French str., 874 tons, Capt. Delvalle, from Saigon, with rice.—Thai Thuan & Co.
Hok Kung, Chinese str., 558 tons, Capt. Leung Long, from Kwangchowwan, with a general cargo.—Hong On S.S. Co.
Japan, British str., 3,837 tons, Capt. A. Munro, from Japan and Amoy, with a general cargo.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Kitano Maru, Japanese str., 3,903 tons, Capt. N. Kamada, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Kwanglo, Chinese str., 1,486 tons, Capt. Charles Stewart, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—C.M.S.N. & Co.
Sosho Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.
Szechuen, British str., 394 tons, Capt. Lee Ping, from K. C. Wan, with a general cargo.—Lai Kwok Kat.
 April 11th.
Chenun, British str., 1,335 tons, Capt. R. Lewis, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
China, American str., 3,188 tons, Capt. F. W. Wise, from San Francisco, with a general cargo.—China Mail S.S. Co.
Haiphong, British str., 1,257 tons, Capt. J. S. Thomson, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo.—D. L. & Co.
Hirado Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.
Hydranga, British str., 501 tons, Capt. W. J. Collon, R.N.R., from Swatow, with a general cargo.—Chi On S.S. Co.
Kaiyo Maru, Japanese str., 1,128 tons, Capt. Motoki, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.
Kwanglo, Chinese str., from Canton.
Tateishi Maru, Japanese str., 2,352 tons, Capt. I. Mariyama, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Yingchow, British str., 1,215 tons, Capt. B. A. Thomson, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

April 10th.
Kitano Maru, for Shanghai.
Kwanglo, for Canton.
Hemphshire, for Singapore.
President, for Shanghai.
Reims, for Hoihow.
Szechuen, for Amoy.
Taiwan Maru, for Hoihow.
Tai Maru, for Hongay.
 April 11th.
Chile, for Shanghai.
Glymont, for Saigon.
Hirado Maru, for Keelung.
Kaiyo, for Canton.
Kwanglo, for Canton.
Wosho Maru, for Swatow.
Nunon, for K. C. Wan.
Tateishi Maru, for Kobe.
Venera, for Shanghai.
Yingchow, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. **Haiphong**, from Swatow, on April 11th:—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Macdonald, Misses Forgo, Hall, Forgo, Mr. W. Field, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Miss M. Cherryhoff, and Mr. P. A. Xavier.
 Per N.Y.K. s.s. **Kitano Maru**, on April 10th:—Mrs. A. J. S. Bato, Miss M. A. Bato, Miss M. Bato, Miss J. Bato, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blake, Miss J. Blake, Mr. E. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. Overton, Miss M. Rodriguez, Mr. J. Russell, Mrs. D. A. S. Russell, Mr. F. M. Shaw, Mrs. A. N. Brandt, Miss D. Mortensen, Mr. P. H. Krugger, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Murray, Mrs. G. R. Moron, Mr. A. Pollard, Urquhart, Mr. J. Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Steinberg, Miss B. Thornton, Mr. P. E. Vaez, Mr. W. A. C. Campbell, Mr. C. E. Sanger, Mr. N. Elson, Mr. E. Kewell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams, Mr. W. Bug, Mr. G. Day, Mr. E. F. Fuller, Mr. Tennessee, Mr. F. Kendall, and many Japanese passengers.

DEPARTURES.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. **Kitano Maru**, on April 10th:—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Miss R. Darley, Miss J. MacCorquodale, Miss M. P. Logan, Capt. H. J. Sommer, Prof. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, Miss A. Soward, Mr. C. Lafrentz, Mrs. B. J. Lacon, Mr. Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. MacCorquodale, Mr. and Mrs. E. Strehler, Mrs. Dallas, Mrs. B. Frost, Miss P. Frost, Mr. A. Curran, Mr. A. D. A. Swans, Mr. and Mrs. H. Violette, Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale, Mr. and Mrs. U. Thewell, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Miss Gribble, Capt. and Mrs. O. W. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Perry, Mrs. Endell Rosser, Miss F. Rosser, Mrs. L. Kilbee, Mr. K. T. Nielsen, Lieut. J. C. MacArthur, Capt. W. A. Valentine, Miss Tweedie, Miss L. Norman, Miss L. MacCausland, Mr. and Mrs. O'Hare, Mr. L. Windor, Mrs. W. Thompson, Miss A. H. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Staley, Mr. H. Staley, Mrs. Christiansen, Miss Hylm, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fugaw, Mrs. Straute, Mrs. Schlinger, Mrs. Solberg, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pezzini, Mr. Mail, Mr. and Mrs. Thio, Mr. and Mrs. Gensen, Miss N. Wildin, Mr. M. Poale, Mr. E. O. Soon, Mr. and Mrs. Schlesinger, Mr. Alber and many Japanese passengers.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. **Empress of Russia** left Manila on April 10th, at 6.30 p.m., and is due at Hongkong at 7 a.m. to-day.
 The R.M.S. **Empress of Asia** from Hongkong on March 22nd, arrived at Vancouver on April 9th.
 The P. & O. s.s. **Sicilia** left Singapore via Haiphong for this port on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 6 a.m., and is due here on Friday, the 20th inst.
 The E. & A. Co.'s s.s. **St. Albans** sailed from Manila for this port on the 11th inst., at midnight, with the outward Australian Mail, and is due here on 14th inst., at daylight.
 The s.s. **Eurylochus** (Blue Funnel) from Liverpool, left Singapore on April 10th, daylight, for this port, and is due here on April 15th.
 The s.s. **Hyson** (Blue Funnel) left Port Said on April 8th for Boston and New York.

The s.s. **Myrindon** (Blue Funnel) left Liverpool on April 8th for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, and is due at this port on or about May 14th.
 The s.s. **Elpenor** (Blue Funnel) left Liverpool on April 7th for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Hankow, and is due here on or about May 10th.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Adrastus (Blue Funnel), due May 5th.
Amboise (M.M.), due April 24th.
André Lebon (M.M.), due April 14th.
Bennett (Bon Line), due April to-day.
Cordillere (M.M.), due May 8th.
Empress of Russia, due to-day, 7 a.m.
Eurylochus (Blue Funnel), due April 15th.
Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 28th.
Menor (Blue Funnel), due April 13th.
Ningchow (Blue Funnel), due April 21st.
Torika (B.I. & Apeal Line), due April 14th, a.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

Apr. 11th at 11.11.—Pressure has decreased considerably at Foochow, moderately at Haiphong and slightly at other reporting stations.

Depressions lie over Tongking and to the north of Foochow.
 Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 11th April, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.69 inches, against an average of 7.73 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon, 12th April, is as follows:—

District Forecast
 Hongkong to Gap Rock: moderate; cloudy, occasional rain, fog in morning.

Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocka: The same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 12th to 18th, 1923.

Days of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Thurs.	12	8 56	5 2	1 25	1 3
Fri.	13	7 32	6 0	1 31	3 4
Sat.	14	6 18	6 8	2 0	1 9
Sun.	15	5 04	5 7	2 37	1 5
Mon.	16	3 50	5 9	2 40	2 5
Tues.	17	2 36	5 8	3 17	2 1
Wed.	18	1 22	5 6	3 33	1 9
		10 45	5 4	4 30	1 8
		10 9	5 4	4 14	2 6
		11 19	5 1	5 8	1 7

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
NEW YORK & PANAMA	Taketo Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On Middle April
NEW YORK & BOSTON	Eastern Prince	Brit.	Princes Line	On 15th May
BOSTON & NEW YORK via Suez	Ision	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 15th April
SAN FRANCISCO	Elbridge	Am.	Strabert & Barry	On 21st April
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C. via SHANGHAI, etc.	Empress Russia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	About 19th April
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, etc.	Kaga Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 1st May
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, etc.	Aratsuma Maru	Jap.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 15th April
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, etc.	Tyndareus	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Empress Australia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 4th May
MARSEILLES, etc.	Nankin	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 18th April
MARSEILLES, etc.	Andre Lebon	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 15th May
MARSEILLES, etc.	Armand Behic	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 17th April
MARSEILLES, etc.	Paul Locat	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 30th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Mishima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	City of Poona	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 28th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Agapenor	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Lycos	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Amazon Maru	Jap.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 11th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Glenside	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 30th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Banks	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 25th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Havenstein	Ger.	Renter Broekmans & Co.	About 5th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	C. M. Mailhol	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	About 18th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	St. Louis-Ble	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On middle of May
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Soda Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Fookwang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 19th April, 3 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Sicilia	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 2nd May
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Van Cloon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 23rd April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Venencia	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 28th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Chincha	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th April, 10 a.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Mishima Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 11th
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Taiwan Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 18th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Hinawa Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 20th April, 3 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Yoshino Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	St. Albans	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 5th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Tungshing	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 12th April, Noon
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Havama Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Paul Locat	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 11th
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Sicilia	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 21st April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Shantung	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th April, D.L.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Venencia	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 11th
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Taiwan Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 18th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Shanko Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	On 6th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Chipping	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 17th April, Noon
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Tikimang	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	About 16th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Malay Maru	Jap.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 13th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Chunshang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 21st April, 10 a.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Kiangsu	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 17th April, Noon
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Haiphong	Brit.	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	On 14th April, 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Haiphong	Brit.	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	On 12th April, 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Longwang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 13th April, 3 p.m.
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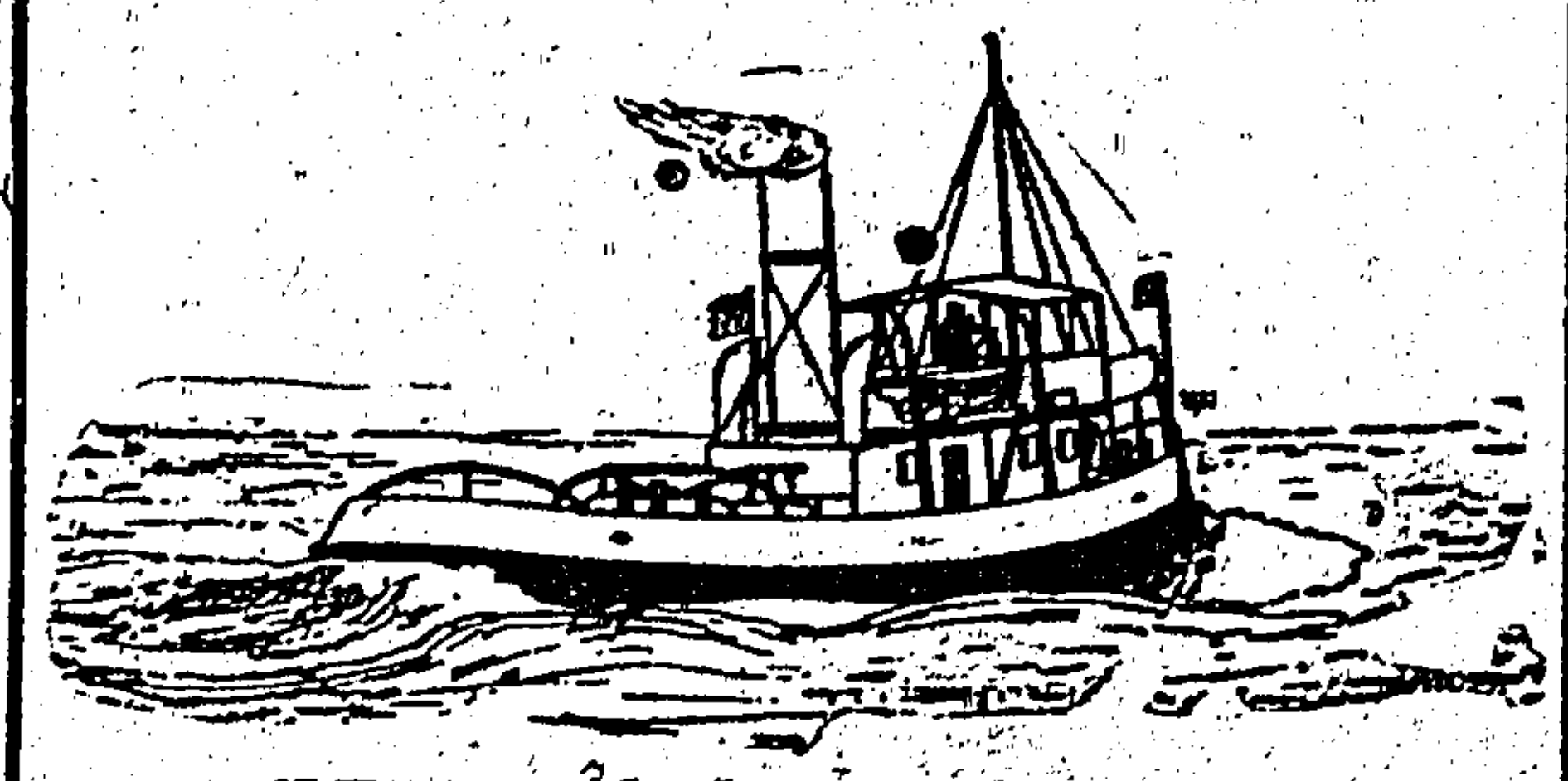
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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 14th Apr.	Noon.
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TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 16th Apr.	D.L.
JAVA	"TAIKOWANYI"	On 18th Apr.	D.L.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW"	On 17th Apr.	Noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 17th Apr.	10 a.m.
HONGKAY & HONGKAY	"HANYANG"	On 18th Apr.	10 a.m.
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